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(SBU) Pol Off delivered reftel demarche on expanding the Afghan National Army to European Commission contacts September 5. Contacts responded that their understanding was that the decision had already been made by the Standing Committee on Security and would be put to the September 10 Joint Coordination and Monitoring Board meeting for endorsement. While the Commission would not object to the expansion, contact raised general concerns about cost and sustainability and stressed the need to look at building the capacity of other institutions, such as the Ministry of Interior, in addition to the ANA.  
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